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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I'm writing to urge you to accept the terms of the settlement recently reached between Microsoft and the United States Justice Department. The settlement will result in a much more competitive environment beneficial for all parties involved.

Microsoft has, for example, agreed to grant broad new rights to computer manufacturers and software developers to configure Windows to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with Microsoft programs included within Windows. This means computer manufacturers can replace Internet Explorer with Netscape Navigator; Microsoft Media Player with RealPlayer; and Windows Messenger with AOL Instant Messenger. Microsoft has further agreed to not retaliate against computer makers and software developers who choose to take this route, nor will Microsoft retaliate against computer makers who ship competing operating systems.

Overseeing the terms of the settlement will be a Technical Committee comprised of three persons who are software engineering experts. This Technical Committee will assist in any dispute resolution, should a complaint be filed. It is time the case get behind us.

Based on these facts, I respectfully request you to accept the terms of the settlement.

Sincerely,

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